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Utah National Guard Hosts 2009 Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium

DRAPER, Utah — The Utah National Guard will host its annual Governor's Day event Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. at Rice-Eccles Stadium on the campus of the University of Utah.

Traditionally, Governor's Day is held at Camp Williams; however, with construction on Redwood Road making access difficult for the expected crowd of 5,000 or more, the event will be held again this year at Rice-Eccles. This will mark only the second time in more than a half century that Governor's Day will be celebrated at a site other than Camp Williams.

The event will provide Governor Gary Herbert, commander in chief of the Utah National Guard, his first opportunity to review his troops in a pass-and-review ceremony as required by statute and to meet individual Airmen and Soldiers in person.

In keeping with tradition, the ceremony will include recognition of individuals and units for their distinguished service overseas and here at home.

Events will also feature flyovers by Utah National Guard aircraft, a cannon salute and music provided by the 23rd Army Band.

Other activities to take place include equipment displays, climbing wall and food court, all of which will be available until 3 p.m.

Media Notes: Media should plan to use their reserved parking space(s) at Rice-Eccles Stadium. Participants in Governor's Day will be staged in the parking lot immediately west of the stadium, so public parking not be available in that lot. Guests are encouraged to use public transportation for travel to the event.

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